

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****30 APRIL 1998****PROPOSED CYCLING CONFERENCE****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report considers proposals to hold a cycling conference in Angus. In light of the Government's anticipated White Paper on Integrated Transport it is considered timeous to hold such an event probably in September/October 1998.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree that the Director of Roads should arrange to organise a conference in the Angus area to highlight cycling issues both globally and focusing in Angus in September/October 1998.

2 INTRODUCTION

Report No. 465/96 by the Director of Roads considered the overall topic of cycling in Angus and made specific proposals which were approved by Committee in June 1996. Since then various cycling measures have been approved and implemented and other measures are planned. In addition, in July 1996, a new National Cycling Strategy was issued by the then Department of Transport. In addition, as Members will be aware, a response is expected from the Government in May with respect to their intentions with respect to Integrated Transport. Cycling will inevitably be featured in such a response. It is therefore felt that the time will be opportune to host a conference on cycling issues in Angus in September/October 1998.

The Working Group on Provision for Cyclists in Angus has previously considered the proposal for holding a cycling conference in Angus and are in full agreement with this initiative.

3 **DETAILS**

Since Report No. 465/96 was approved by Committee additional provision has been made for cyclists at various locations including Montrose Inner Relief Road; Brechin Road, Montrose; Borrowfield, Montrose; Marine Avenue, Montrose; Cycle Stands in Towns etc. In addition a number of measures are planned including the Montrose to St Cyrus link, Monifieth Grange Road link, Sustrans National Cycle Route, North Sea Cycle Route, Provision of cycles at Caravan sites, Safe Routes to Schools etc.

It is proposed that the conference could cover existing and proposed facilities in Angus, Sustrans National Cycle Route, North Sea Cycle Route, Government Policy with regard to Cycling, together with contributions from the Tourist Board, Cyclists Touring Club, Scottish Natural Heritage, another Local Authority, Police, Forest Enterprise, SET, Finance etc.

It is proposed that the following would attend:

- Angus Councillors and appropriate Officers
- Community Council Representatives
- School Representatives
- Cycling Organisations
- Tourist Facility Providers

The overall purpose of the conference would be to make everyone aware of the current thinking on cycling and to help to formulate Angus Council's future policy on cycling.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The detailed costs require to be worked out but would be in the region of £2000 and this can be contained within the Traffic Revenue Budget for 1998/99.

5 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning and Transport and the Director of Recreation Services have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6 **CONCLUSION**

In order to make relevant parties more aware of cycling issues and to help formulate Angus Council's future policy towards cycling, it is proposed to organise an Angus Cycling Conference.

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NOTE

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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